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BOYD VOTES TO IMMEDIATELY LOWER GAS PRICES

Legislation would release oil from the government's reserve supply

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today voted in favor of the Consumer Energy Supply Act.

The SPR has been tapped or suspended before by President George Bush, President Bill Clinton, and President Jimmy Carter.

“Releasing a small portion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is something that can be done right now to help ease the burden on consumers,” Boyd said.

The Consumer Energy Supply Act would require the Secretary of Energy to sell or exchange at least 70 million barrels of oil from the SPR.

“As we work to combat high gas prices in the near-term, we also must develop a comprehensive, long-term energy policy,” Boyd said. “Unfortunately, the Consumer Energy Supply Act failed to receive the necessary support to pass in the House of Representatives.”

“The people of North Florida want real relief at the pump, today, tomorrow, and for years to come,” said Boyd.

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